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Housing code to be addressed in public hearing

October's hearing will further address a complaint-based housing-standards plan

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NEWS REPORTER

The Eugene City Council voted Wednesday to send a proposal to create locally enforceable housing standards to a public hearing in October.

Eugene Citizens for Housing Standards — which comprises community organizations and student groups at the University and Lane Community College — has called on the city council to create and implement a self-funded, complaint-based rental-housing program it says would defend low-income residents against substandard housing conditions. Eugene's standards would be similar to those already in place in Corvallis.

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ASUO Accounting implements new system for funds

Student-group finances are separated into five funds, making it easier to track allocated money

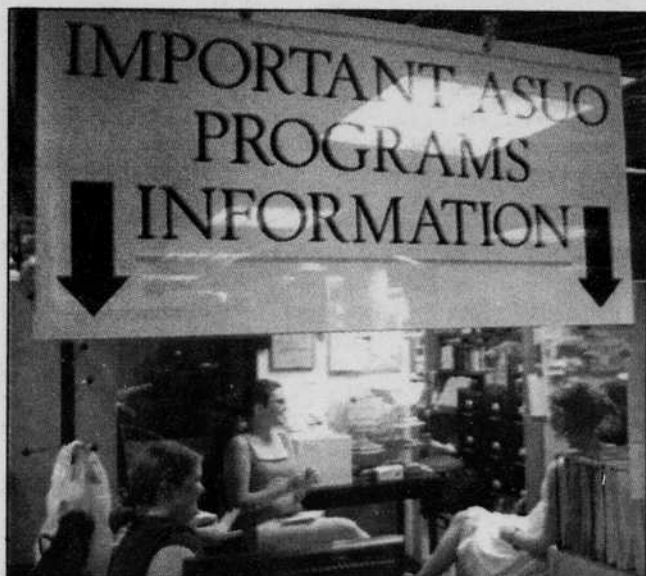
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FREELANCE REPORTER

The ASUO recently implemented a new accounting system that will improve the way student groups manage funds and will allow the Student Senate to oversee funding allocations more efficiently, according to ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert.

The new system, which took effect July 1, will distinguish group finances into five different funds: Incidental fees, restricted event revenue, general funds, non-event revenue and non-restricted revenue.

Event and non-event revenue will no longer be grouped with incidental fee funds, making it easier to determine how groups

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Senior journalism and math major Christina Diss (bottom left), junior environmental science major Carrie Henderson (center), and junior planning, public policy and management major Rosie Sweetman staff the ASUO Controller's Office.

A NEW CONTRACT



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GTFF bargaining-team members Dave Cecil (left), Chris Goff (center) and Eric Lindgren talk Wednesday in the GTFF office about recent contract negotiations with the University.

SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION

The GTFF reached a contract settlement with the University on August 5

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NEWS REPORTER

Nine months after negotiations began, the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation reached a final contract settlement Aug. 5 that narrowly averted a threatened campus-wide strike by the union's 1,300 GTFFs.

In the contract, which came after nine hours of state-mediated talks, the GTFF received a \$45-per-term reduction in fees for

the next two years. The University also promised to raise GTFF minimum salaries two percent for 2005-06 if the governor's wage freeze has ended. If not, the University will reduce fees an additional \$45 per term.

Linda King, the University's director of human resources and chief spokeswoman for the negotiating team, said the final contract settlement was fiscally responsible for the University and fair to both parties.

GTFF President Eric Lindgren, too, said he was pleased with the outcome.

"Essentially, they gave us twice what we asked for," Lindgren said.

GTFF organizer David Cecil said the guaranteed compensation for the second year of the contract was helpful in moving negotiations along, although the raise in compensation fell short of the 8 percent increase the GTFF hoped for.

"The economic package is the best we thought we could get," Cecil said.

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LLC combines housing, academics

Some on campus are enthusiastic about the LLC design while others express reservations

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NEWS REPORTER

Imagine waking up on a Monday morning 15 minutes before your first class starts. Most students have to make the trek across campus from their residence hall room in Bean or Carson halls, or if they live off campus, they walk, take a bus or ride a bike. But what if all you had to do was go downstairs for class?

When complete, the Living Learning Center, the University's first new residence hall in decades, will allow just that.

The new building will combine an approximately 399-bed residence hall with performance spaces, faculty offices and a cafe. The building will also house three classrooms: a 185-seat lecture hall and two smaller 25- to 40-seat classrooms.

Mike Eyster, director of University Housing, thinks students will be very happy with the LLC in the long run.

"At first, they won't know what to expect," he said, adding that students may have reservations about having faculty members so close to where they live.

Eyster thinks the residence hall will become very popular because the University listened to the students' input when designing it.

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August 5: University removes outdoor tennis courts to make room for LLC

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"They told us what they think is important," he said. Some students are not so sure.

"I don't think I would like it. I like to have my two separate worlds," senior women's and gender studies major Amy Lee said.

Megan Salsbury, junior journalism and sociology major, agrees.

"If someone has a class at 6 p.m. [in the LLC] they aren't going to want to hear residence hall life going on," she said.

Salsbury is also concerned the new residence hall won't provide enough space to house incoming students because of the classrooms and faculty offices.

"I thought they needed more room than that," she said.

Salsbury says the cafe seemed unnecessary, with the Hamilton Complex so close by.

Eyster said the LLC concept has been successful on other college campuses, and students there were satisfied with

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